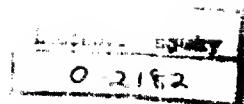


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29 November 1948

The Honorable James E. Webb
Director
Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Webb:

In accordance with the President's letter of 6 November 1948, regarding proposed agency legislative programs for the coming session, the following information is set forth for your transmission to the President.

1. This Agency proposes to submit only one bill for consideration at the forthcoming session. This is basically a "housekeeping" bill which is designed primarily to aid in the administration and operations of this Agency.
2. The final draft of this bill, together with necessary supporting material, is virtually completed, and will be forwarded to you prior to 15 December.
3. This proposed bill is substantially the same as S. 2688 (Report No. 1302) and its companion measure H.R. 5871 (Report No. 1853) of the Eightieth Congress. S. 2688 was considered quite adequate, and it was passed by the Senate on 19 June 1948. Although unanimously approved by the Armed Services Committee in the House, it passed the Senate too late to reach a vote in the House prior to adjournment. In the subsequent months, certain additional provisions have suggested themselves, and these are being added to the current draft.
4. It would be helpful if this bill could be introduced at the very beginning of the session. The professional staffs of the Armed Services Committee,

both in the Senate and the House, have requested our legislation for early action. No problems are envisaged in securing complete support of the measure in the two Committees. However, as we lost the bill last year only because of the time element (the House insisting that the Senate pass it first), it would be extremely helpful to us to bring the bill through at the earliest possible moment, so that it does not get caught in the last minute log jam of appropriation measures.

5. There is no other agency which would have a participating interest in our legislation, other than the necessity for normal Bureau of the Budget coordination with those agencies which had approved the bill last Spring.

In accordance with the President's letter, cited above, it is requested that this report be forwarded to him.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

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